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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Unassigned
TADASHI SAWAYAMA ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: Div. of Appln. No.	)	
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For: PROCESSING APPARATUS,	:	
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

a.) Introductory Comments

Prior to receipt of the first Office Action on the merits and contemporaneous with the filing of the subject application, kindly amend the subject application as follows: